

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, line 19 – page 20, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

A1  
Bench testing was conducted to investigate the effect of GLUCOPON 220 on the physical properties of menses simulant. First, a 90% southern softwood pulp fluff/10% KoSa T-255 binder, 250 grams per square meter (gsm), 0.14 grams per cubic centimeter (g/cc) airlaid web was treated with various concentrations of GLUCOPON 220 and was then tested for changes in viscoelastic properties upon exposure to menses simulant, compared to an untreated control layer of the airlaid material. The test was carried out using a Vilastics III rheometer, available from Vilastic Scientific, located in Austin, Texas, operating at a frequency of 0.1 Hz. The results are shown in Table 1, with a graphical representation of the data shown in Fig. 3.

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, lines 10-13, with the following amended paragraph:

A2  
The addition of GLUCOPON solution at the ~~[[0.8%]]~~ 0.08% and ~~[[3%]]~~ 0.30% levels does not yield a significant decrease in the viscoelastic properties of menses simulant over saline. Therefore, it is a high probability that GLUCOPON is not effectively lysing red blood cells at these levels.